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Infections and Nasal Secretion Collection Unit  
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To: The Assistant Commissioner for Patents

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

In the specification:

Please delete the first paragraph on page one of the specification (lines 8 though 11) and  
replace with the following new paragraph:

“This application is a divisional of application number 09/597,360, which was  
filed June 19, 2000, which is a continuation in part of PCT application serial  
number PCT/US99/05751 and application number 09/936,954, filed March 16,  
1999, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of application number 08/621,557,  
filed March 26, 1996 now US Patent 5,910,421, which is a continuation in part of  
application serial number 08/576,604, filed on December 21, 1995, now  
abandoned.